

# Kings County Economic Forecast

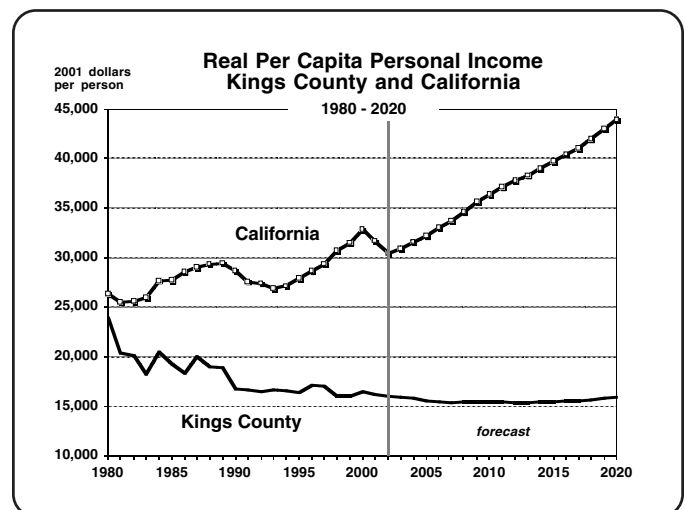
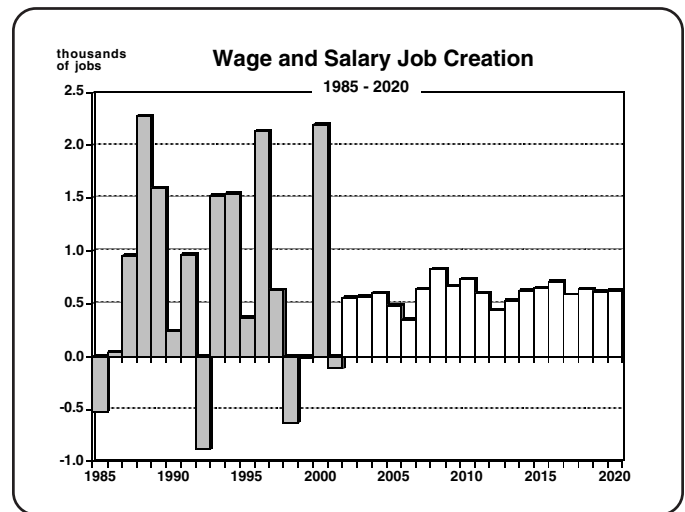
Kings County's primary industries include government, agriculture, and services. Government is the largest industry in the county, accounting for 33 percent of the employment. Growth in this industry is concentrated in the state and local government sector, which is projected to reach 13,000 jobs by 2007.

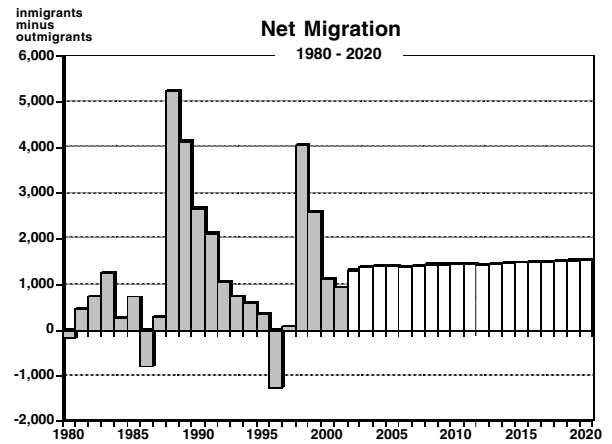
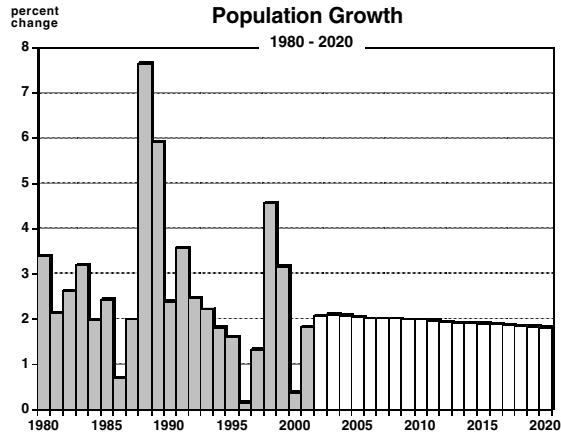
Services is the fastest growing industry in the county. Between 1995 and 2000 services employment grew at a compound annual rate of 2.4 percent per year. Industry projections for the period 2002-2007 estimate services will increase by an average rate of 3.1 percent per year.

Another significant industry in Kings' economy is agriculture. Accounting for 14 percent of the county's total employment, Kings County produces over 900 million dollars in gross income each year from agricultural business. A leading agricultural county, Kings ranks twelfth in the state by value of production. The Tulare Lake Basin, the natural drainage area for the Kings, Kaweah, and Tulare rivers, is one of the most fertile regions in the world, supporting extensive cotton and tomato farming operations. Milk, cattle and calves, turkeys, and alfalfa hay are some of the other important crops in the county. Building upon a solid agricultural base, Kings County has sought to diversify its economy with competitive incentives. As a result, the county has seen major expansions in the food processing industry and manufacturing industry in general. Kings County's manufacturing sectors are projected to grow slowly over the forecast period, with jobs being created mostly in the food processing sector.

## Forecast Highlights

- The county is forecast to create 3,200 new wage and salary jobs between 2002 and 2007. The forecast rate of job growth averages 1.3 percent per year.
- Real per capita income is projected to remain relatively flat over the next 5 years.
- The unemployment rate is expected to decline steadily over the forecast period, as the non-farm sector grows and the county diversifies outside the agricultural sector. The unemployment rate will fall to less than 13 percent next year.
- Population growth averages 2.1 percent per year between 2002 and 2007. The natural increase is the principal engine of population growth. Net migration into the county remains positive, averaging 1,380 persons per year.
- Approximately 550 new homes are permitted each year over the next 5 years. That rate of building is not enough to keep housing prices from rising at a 3.1 percent clip over the next 5 years in the county. However, home prices are very affordable in Kings County, averaging \$97,000 in 2001.

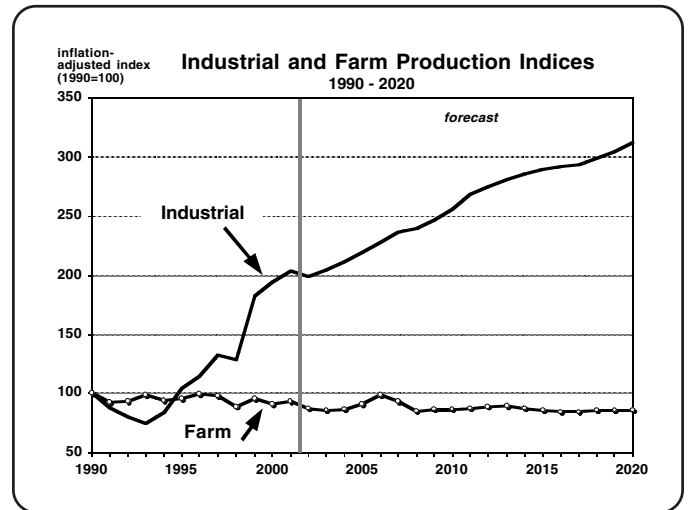
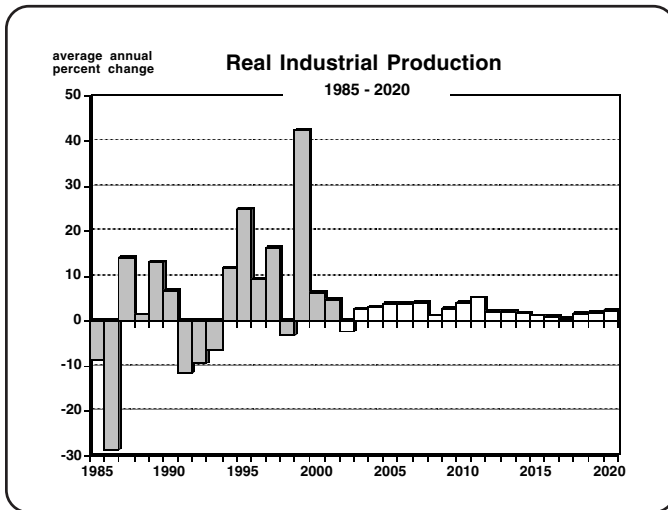




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### 1995-2001 History, 2002-2020 Forecast

|      | Population<br>(people) | Net<br>Migration<br>(people) | Registered<br>Vehicles<br>(number) | Households<br>(thousands) | New Homes<br>Permitted<br>(homes) | Retail<br>Sales<br>(billions) | Personal<br>Income<br>(billions) | Real Per<br>Capita<br>Income<br>(dollars) | Farm<br>Crop<br>Value<br>(millions) | Industrial<br>Production<br>(billions) |
|------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1995 | 118,500                | 357                          | 75                                 | 31                        | 667                               | \$0.5                         | \$1.7                            | \$16,473                                  | \$838                               | \$1                                    |
| 1996 | 118,700                | -1,269                       | 76                                 | 32                        | 654                               | \$0.5                         | \$1.8                            | \$17,129                                  | \$884                               | \$1                                    |
| 1997 | 120,300                | 87                           | 72                                 | 33                        | 783                               | \$0.5                         | \$1.9                            | \$17,086                                  | \$887                               | \$2                                    |
| 1998 | 125,800                | 4,064                        | 75                                 | 33                        | 757                               | \$0.5                         | \$1.8                            | \$16,013                                  | \$817                               | \$1                                    |
| 1999 | 129,800                | 2,594                        | 78                                 | 34                        | 493                               | \$0.6                         | \$1.9                            | \$15,948                                  | \$902                               | \$2                                    |
| 2000 | 130,300                | 1,117                        | 81                                 | 34                        | 443                               | \$0.6                         | \$2.1                            | \$16,544                                  | \$885                               | \$2                                    |
| 2001 | 132,700                | 945                          | 84                                 | 35                        | 670                               | \$0.7                         | \$2.1                            | \$16,173                                  | \$936                               | \$2                                    |
| 2002 | 135,480                | 1,298                        | 84                                 | 35                        | 560                               | \$0.7                         | \$2.2                            | \$16,009                                  | \$905                               | \$2                                    |
| 2003 | 138,352                | 1,380                        | 85                                 | 36                        | 544                               | \$0.7                         | \$2.3                            | \$15,927                                  | \$908                               | \$2                                    |
| 2004 | 141,271                | 1,411                        | 85                                 | 36                        | 541                               | \$0.7                         | \$2.4                            | \$15,760                                  | \$941                               | \$2                                    |
| 2005 | 144,204                | 1,404                        | 86                                 | 37                        | 548                               | \$0.8                         | \$2.5                            | \$15,575                                  | \$1,015                             | \$3                                    |
| 2006 | 147,139                | 1,381                        | 87                                 | 37                        | 552                               | \$0.8                         | \$2.6                            | \$15,432                                  | \$1,118                             | \$3                                    |
| 2007 | 150,129                | 1,409                        | 88                                 | 38                        | 557                               | \$0.8                         | \$2.7                            | \$15,394                                  | \$1,089                             | \$3                                    |
| 2008 | 153,180                | 1,439                        | 89                                 | 39                        | 574                               | \$0.8                         | \$2.8                            | \$15,439                                  | \$1,015                             | \$3                                    |
| 2009 | 156,259                | 1,436                        | 90                                 | 39                        | 589                               | \$0.9                         | \$2.9                            | \$15,432                                  | \$1,052                             | \$3                                    |
| 2010 | 159,383                | 1,450                        | 91                                 | 40                        | 596                               | \$0.9                         | \$3.1                            | \$15,457                                  | \$1,080                             | \$3                                    |
| 2011 | 162,526                | 1,444                        | 92                                 | 40                        | 605                               | \$0.9                         | \$3.2                            | \$15,407                                  | \$1,112                             | \$3                                    |
| 2012 | 165,676                | 1,429                        | 93                                 | 41                        | 608                               | \$0.9                         | \$3.3                            | \$15,366                                  | \$1,160                             | \$3                                    |
| 2013 | 168,861                | 1,443                        | 94                                 | 41                        | 610                               | \$1.0                         | \$3.5                            | \$15,371                                  | \$1,204                             | \$3                                    |
| 2014 | 172,094                | 1,467                        | 95                                 | 42                        | 616                               | \$1.0                         | \$3.6                            | \$15,403                                  | \$1,204                             | \$3                                    |
| 2015 | 175,375                | 1,487                        | 96                                 | 43                        | 622                               | \$1.0                         | \$3.8                            | \$15,470                                  | \$1,205                             | \$3                                    |
| 2016 | 178,704                | 1,509                        | 97                                 | 43                        | 628                               | \$1.1                         | \$4.0                            | \$15,543                                  | \$1,215                             | \$3                                    |
| 2017 | 182,059                | 1,508                        | 98                                 | 44                        | 634                               | \$1.1                         | \$4.2                            | \$15,561                                  | \$1,243                             | \$3                                    |
| 2018 | 185,454                | 1,523                        | 99                                 | 44                        | 635                               | \$1.1                         | \$4.4                            | \$15,655                                  | \$1,295                             | \$3                                    |
| 2019 | 188,884                | 1,532                        | 99                                 | 45                        | 642                               | \$1.1                         | \$4.6                            | \$15,772                                  | \$1,336                             | \$4                                    |
| 2020 | 192,353                | 1,544                        | 100                                | 46                        | 647                               | \$1.2                         | \$4.8                            | \$15,907                                  | \$1,365                             | \$4                                    |



| Total<br>Wage & Salary<br>(000) | Farm<br>(000) | Mining &<br>Construction<br>(000) | Manufacturing<br>(000) | Transportation,<br>Utilities<br>(000) | Wholesale,<br>Retail<br>Trade<br>(000) | Finance,<br>Real<br>Estate<br>(000) | Services<br>(000) | Government<br>(000) |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| -----employment (jobs)-----     |               |                                   |                        |                                       |  |                                     |                   |                     |
| 33                              | 7.8           | 3.7                               | 3.3                    | 0.9                                   | 6.3                                    | 0.6                                 | 4.6               | 8.8                 |
| 36                              | 9.5           | 3.6                               | 3.4                    | 0.8                                   | 6.4                                    | 0.7                                 | 4.7               | 9.1                 |
| 36                              | 9.4           | 3.9                               | 3.6                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.6                                 | 4.8               | 9.6                 |
| 36                              | 7.8           | 4.2                               | 3.4                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.7                                 | 4.9               | 10.5                |
| 36                              | 6.9           | 4.8                               | 3.4                    | 0.8                                   | 6.4                                    | 0.8                                 | 5.2               | 11.0                |
| 38                              | 7.7           | 5.0                               | 3.4                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.7                                 | 5.1               | 12.4                |
| 38                              | 6.4           | 5.3                               | 3.3                    | 0.7                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.7                                 | 5.5               | 13.2                |
| 38                              | 6.8           | 5.2                               | 3.3                    | 0.7                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.7                                 | 5.7               | 13.1                |
| 39                              | 7.1           | 5.3                               | 3.3                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.7                                 | 5.9               | 13.1                |
| 39                              | 7.3           | 5.4                               | 3.3                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.7                                 | 6.1               | 13.3                |
| 40                              | 7.3           | 5.5                               | 3.4                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.7                                 | 6.3               | 13.6                |
| 40                              | 7.1           | 5.6                               | 3.4                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.7                                 | 6.5               | 13.9                |
| 41                              | 7.2           | 5.7                               | 3.4                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.7                                 | 6.7               | 14.2                |
| 42                              | 7.6           | 5.7                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.8                                 | 6.8               | 14.4                |
| 42                              | 7.7           | 5.7                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.8                                 | 7.0               | 14.7                |
| 43                              | 7.9           | 5.7                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.8                                 | 7.1               | 15.1                |
| 44                              | 8.0           | 5.8                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.8                                 | 7.3               | 15.4                |
| 44                              | 8.0           | 5.8                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.8                                 | 7.4               | 15.7                |
| 45                              | 8.0           | 5.8                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.9                                 | 7.5               | 16.1                |
| 45                              | 8.1           | 5.8                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.9                                 | 7.6               | 16.5                |
| 46                              | 8.2           | 5.8                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.9                                 | 7.8               | 16.8                |
| 47                              | 8.4           | 5.8                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.9                                 | 7.9               | 17.2                |
| 47                              | 8.5           | 5.9                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.9                                 | 8.0               | 17.5                |
| 48                              | 8.5           | 5.9                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 0.9                                 | 8.2               | 18.0                |
| 48                              | 8.5           | 5.9                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 1.0                                 | 8.4               | 18.3                |
| 49                              | 8.6           | 6.0                               | 3.5                    | 0.8                                   | 6.5                                    | 1.0                                 | 8.6               | 18.7                |

